

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 61. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, August 19, 1861.*

Officers who have not been mustered into service have power to enroll men, but are not competent to muster them, under the provisions of General Orders No. 58, current series, from the War Department. In this case the muster must be made by some officer, either volunteer or regular, already in the service, and the oath must be administered by a civil magistrate or an officer of the regular army,—preferably, the latter.

In mustering companies, the original muster-in rolls will be retained at the company rendezvous, upon which the names of the members will be enrolled as they present themselves. As they are mustered they will be sent to the commanding officers of camps of rendezvous, with descriptive lists stating name, date of enrolment and muster, the officer by whom mustered, the company and regiment to which they belong, whether they have or have not taken the oath of allegiance prescribed for those entering the service, and such other information as may be necessary or useful in the case. Necessary subsistence will be procured upon returns signed by the mustering officer.

When one half a company has been mustered into service, the 1st Lieutenant thereof can also be mustered in, and when the organization of the company is completed, the Captain and 2d Lieutenant can be so mustered.

When the men of a company have been mustered by more than one officer, the fact must be stated on the muster rolls, opposite their names, "by whom mustered," and these rolls must be signed by each of the mustering officers.

Field and Staff officers of Regiments can be mustered into service upon the completion of the organization of Regiment or Companies as follows:

Colonel—Entire regiment.

Lieut. Colonel—Four companies.

Major—Six companies.

Chaplain,	}	Entire regiment.
Surgeon,		
Adjutant,		
Quartermaster,		
Assistant Surgeon,		

The cost of transportation of troops from place of muster to place of rendezvous, will be paid as directed in General Orders No. 58, current series, from this Office, from the appropriation for "collecting, drilling, and organizing Volunteers." Quartermasters at camps of rendezvous will make requisitions upon the Adjutant General for the funds necessary for this purpose. All officers charged with disbursements of funds appropriated under the act mentioned, will forward to this Office, monthly summary statements and accounts current with vouchers, in the manner prescribed for the General Recruiting Service.

BY ORDER:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*